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SUBJECT: OKINAWAN LANDOWNERS REQUEST FOR REQUEST OF BASE PROPERTIES.

SUMMARY: OKINAWAN LANDOWNERS THIS YEAR WILL ASK THE GOJ FOR A MUCH SMALLER PACKAGE OF BASE LAND TO BE RETURNED. END SUMMARY.

1. THE OKINAWA MILITARY LANDOWNERS FEDERATION ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS NOV 21 THE PACKAGE OF BASE LANDS THAT IT WILL REQUEST THE GOJ TO NEGOTIATE FOR RETURN TO THE OWNERS. THE RYUKYU SHIMPO

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REPORT NOTES THAT THE FEDERATION'S CURRENT REQUEST IS LESS THAN HALF THE AMOUNT OF LAND REQUESTED TWO YEARS BEFORE AT THE TIME OF REVERSION

THEY ASK NOW FOR THE RETURN OF 14,577,918 SQUARE METERS, SOME 5.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL LAND USED BY OUR FORCES AND THE JAPANESE SDF (COMPARED WITH 10.9 PERCENT REQUESTED IN JULY 1972).

2. THE FEDERATION CONSULTED WITH EACH LOCAL LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THE REQUEST, AND FOUND MANY DISAGREEMENTS. FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTANCE, THE LANDOWNER ASSOCIATIONS IN OKINAWA CITY, NAHA, GINOWAN, URASOE AND CHATAN ALL WENT ON RECORD AS NOT WANTING LANDS RETURNED, BUT THE LEFTIST CONTROLLED MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIONS MAINTAINED THEIR INSISTENCE ON LARGE SCALE RETURN OF OASE LANDS.

3. THE MUNICIPALITIES, INCIDENTALLY, ORIGINALLY WANTED OVER GTU MILLION SQUARE METERS, OR 21 PERCENT OF THE LAND USED OY OUR BASES.

INTERESTINGLY, AMONG INSTANCES WHERE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE LANDOWNER ASSOCIATIONS AGREED NOT TO REQUEST THE RETURN OF BASE LANDS WERE YOMITAN VILLAGE (WHERE OUR SECURITY STATIONS, ETC. ARE) AND IE VILLAGE (WHERE THE USAF AERIAL OOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE IS.) AMONG FACILITIES WHOSE RETURN IS REQUESTED ARE THE YAEDAKE SIGNAL STATION, THE KUBASAKI SCHOOL AREA, THE SDF'S YOZA AND KUMEJIMA

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AREAS, CAMP HARDY, CAMP SUKERAN, AND KADENA AIR FIELD. THE ARTICLE ENDS CANDIDLY SAYING THAT THE LANDOWNERS DO NOT EXPECT THE RETURN OF KADENA BUT INCLUDE IT IN THE LIST AS A LEVER TO REQUEST HIGHER RENTS OUT OF THE GOJ.

4. COMMENT: CHAIRMAN HIGA OF THE LANDOWNERS FEDERATION TOLD US EARLIER (REF MEMCON NOV 18) THAT, IN THIS PRIOD OF ECONOMIC PESSIMISM, THE LANDOWNERS ARE FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE HIGH AND RELIABLE RENT THEY ARE GETTING FROM THE GOJ FOR THEIR BASE PROPERTIES. THE DECLINING INTEREST AMONG THE LANDOWNERS FOR THE RETURN OF THEIR PROPERTIES WILL UNDERCUT PARTLY - BUT BY NO MEANS WHOLLY - BROAD SCALE PREFECTURE DEMANDS TO THE GOJ FOR NEGOTIATED RETURNS OF LAND.

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